Approach paper for the Eighth Five Year Plan

1585. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1335 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th March, 1989 and state:

(a) whether the Approach Paper for the Eighth Five Year Plan has since been formulated by the Planning Commission and placed before the National Development Council;

(b) if so, the total investment proposed in the Plan; and

(c) the main features of the proposed Eighth Five Year Plan and in which areas of developmental work thrust is laid in the Approach Paper?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

1586. [*Cancelled.*]

Supply of Enzygnost kits by Behring Diagnostics

1587. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Behring Diagnostics, a subsidiary of the West German firm 'Hoechst', had supplied three lots of 'Enzygnost' kits;

(b) whether the ICMR Director General has asked the Health Ministry to ban the use of these test kits;

(c) whether ICMR has drawn Government's attention to the fact of defective AIDS Kits; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (d) Three batches of AIDS detecting kits manufactured by a German firm-Behring were found defective and had been withdrawn from the European market.

45 kits belonging to these batches had been imported in India by M|s. Hoechst (India) Ltd., Bombay. The firm sold these kits in the market after carrying only visual checks and without informing that there might be any problem with the kits.

Licence granted to M|s. Hoechst (India) Ltd., Bombay for import of AIDS testing kits under the Drugs and Cosmetic Rules has been cancelled. The following instructions which are in accordance with the advise rendered by ICMR have been issued to all the port officers:—

(i) To check if the importers of AIDS kits possess certificate issued by the manufacturing firm stating that the kits are of standard quality and have been duly tested by them.

(ii) Importing firm should submit a certificate issued by the Drugs Controller of equivalent authority of the importing country stating that the manufacturer of the AIDS kits is a registered or an approved manufacturer in that country.

Freight equalisation policy

@1588. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:
SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on the freight equalisation issue which is agitating the minds of the people of Eastern States;

@Previously Unstarred Question 1072, transferred from the 27th July, 1989.

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for such discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c) Government have accepted in principle the recommendations of the Pande Committee (National Transport Policy Committee) Report to gradually phase out the freight equalisation scheme subject to subsidisation of transport for remote, inaccessible and isolated areas. The phasing out of freight equalisation for cement was completed by end of February, 1989 with the complete decontrol of the cement industry. However, the matter is to be deliberated upon by the National Development Council.

Occupation of quarters in CGHS accommodation

1589. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total number of quarters in Central Government Health Service Pool accommodation, Type-wise and location-wise as on 30th June, 1989; and

(b) what are the names and designations of allottees occupying these pool accommodations of Central Government Health Service alongwith the date of priority of occupant of each of such quarter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on Table of the House.

Representations from IAS Officers regarding flouting ofIAS (Cadre), Rules

1590. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representations from IAS officers regarding flouting of IAS (Cadre) Rules by some State Governments such as Sikkim, by posting non-IAS officers, who are not even on the select list for promotion to the IPS as District Collector—a cadre post for the IAS;

(b) whether such action results in defect of the objectives of the All India Services and leads to demoralisation amongst the IAS cadres;

(c) whether Government propose to take any remedial steps in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES, PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No representation has been received from any IAS Officer.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Occupation of quarters in CGHS pool accommodation

1591. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether instances of continued occupation of CGHS Pool flats/quarters by CGHS Doctors/employees even after they were offered General Pool Accommodation by the Directorate of Estates have come to the notice of the Office of Deputy Director, CGHS, New Delhi;

(b) whether this is violation of instructions contained in Circular No. 41-16/85-CGHS/A/C-1/782 dated the 7th October, 1987 and 20th December, 1988 to the effect that "Non-acceptance of General Pool accommodation shall be treated as an act of serious breach of service rules and the defaulters in such circumstances of the case shall render themselves liable to disciplinary action for violating the provisions of CCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964;